

THE AMENDED CLAIMS

- 1 1. (currently amended) A swimsuit comprising:
  - 2 (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;
  - 3 (b) a fastening device which couples a first part of a body of the swimsuit to a second part of the swimsuit body, the first and second parts not being on the loop; and
  - 5 (c) a storage compartment on the swimsuit body which compactly stows the body;wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said fastening device is engaged, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.
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- 1 2. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said human waist.
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- 1 3. (original) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of (i) a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.
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- 1 4. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 1 wherein the loop comprises a chain made of a material resistant to corrosion.
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- 1 5. (currently amended) A method of removing a swimsuit separable at at least one point by a fastening device while leaving it attached to a human body, comprising:
  - 3 (a) decoupling at least one fastening device on a body of the swimsuit and separating a first part of the body of the swimsuit from a second part of the body of the swimsuit, the first and second parts not being on the loop;
  - 6 (b) compacting the body of the swimsuit into a small space;
  - 7 (c) storing the compacted body of the swimsuit using at least one storage compartment on the body of the swimsuit; and
  - 9 (d) using a loop at least partially encircling the human body for supporting the swimsuit on the human body.
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1 6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the storing of the compacted body of the swimsuit using  
2 the at least one storage compartment is performed through an opening at an end of the at least one  
3 storage compartment.

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1 7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the at least one storage compartment comprises two  
2 storage compartments.

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1 11. (currently amended) A swimsuit comprising:

2 (a) a loop adapted to at least partially encircle a human waist;

3 (b) a body having a front end and a rear end, the front end having a width greater than the  
4 rear end;

5 (c) a single fastener for which detachably coupling couples the rear end of the body to said  
6 loop; and

7 (d) a storage compartment on the front of the swimsuit for compactly stowing the body;  
8 wherein the loop is positioned relative to the swimsuit body so that when said  
9 fastener is attached, the swimsuit may be worn by a human.

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1 12. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is adapted to completely encircle said  
2 human waist.

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1 13. (original) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein said loop is selected from the group consisting of (i)  
2 a decorative chain, and, (ii) a tubular member.

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1 14. (previously presented) The swimsuit of claim 11 wherein the loop comprises a chain made of a  
2 material resistant to corrosion.

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